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February 22, 2000

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Request by the Village of Germantown for  
Amendment of the Wisconsin Bell, Inc.  
(d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin) Long Distance  
Boundaries Within the Village

6720-TV-117

**ORDER TO REOPEN AND  
NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

<b>Prehearing Conference Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 8, 2000 – 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Conference Location:</b>	<b>Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI  Amnicon Falls Hearing Room</b>

In December 1996, the Commission received a petition from the village of Germantown, Washington County, requesting that a new telephone exchange be established to serve all residents of the village and provide full, two-way, Milwaukee Metroplan service. The Commission proceeded to investigate this matter by soliciting written comments. Eventually the Commission issued an order in December 1998, denying the relief sought by the petition, but directing Ameritech to offer cross-boundary foreign exchange service within the village.

The village of Germantown appealed the Commission's decision to Washington County Circuit Court. That court found that the Commission acted improperly by issuing an order without first holding a hearing. The court remanded the matter to the Commission, directing it to hold a hearing and issue a decision. Therefore, the Commission hereby reopens this proceeding under Wis. Stat. § 196.39 to consider the village's request for a change in the service provided therein by Ameritech Wisconsin.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

The prehearing conference is being held to: (1) identify persons who will actively participate as full parties; (2) identify issues; (3) determine the date and time for a hearing; (4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and (5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

Full parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential full parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Persons who desire to actively participate as full parties must request full party status in writing. Full party status requests should be addressed to Jeffry J. Patzke, Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is not a contested case but will be conducted according to the procedures for Class 1 proceedings as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Tom Gross at (608) 267-2337.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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